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Tyrrell Public Library

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Tyrrell Public Library

SUMMARY

First Annual Report

July 1, 1924, June 30, 1926

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LIBRARY COMMISSION

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| Mr. H. M. Hargrove..... | Chairman |
| Mr. E. E. Plumly..... | Vice-Chairman |
| Miss Mary Campbell..... | Secretary |

LIBRARY STAFF

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Miss Lucy T. Fuller..... | Librarian |
| Miss Martha Anne Kendrick..... | First Assistant |
| Miss Pearle Burr..... | Children's Librarian |
| Miss Mamie Ruth Camp..... | Cataloguer |
| Miss Thelma Long..... | Senior Assistant |
| Miss Ruth Allred..... | Secretary to Librarian |
| Miss Louella Knox..... | Junior Assistant |
| Miss Helen Cates..... | Junior Assistant |
| Miss Wilma Stoner..... | Junior Assistant |
| Miss Bessie Burleson..... | Junior Assistant |
| Mr. David Piland..... | Page |
| Albert Johnson..... | Janitor |

LIBRARY POLICY

The Library Commission adopted the policy that any resident or tax payer of the city is entitled to borrow books from the library by signing the proper application and agreement. Non-residents, if employed or attending school in the city, may borrow books by having their application signed by a resident of Beaumont. The Library Commission plans to extend library service whenever possible.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Result of Operation

FUNDS PROVIDED

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| Gifts | \$86,029.20 |
| Assumption of notes in Payment of land.. | 30,000.00 |
| Taxes Collected | 87,793.90 |
| Interest on Daily Balance..... | 1,656.26 |
| Rents Received | 373.50 |
| Fines Collected | 886.07 |
| Accounts Payable at June 30, 1927..... | 4,922.25 |
| Total | \$211,661.18 |

FUNDS APPLIED

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| Acquirement of land..... | \$ 90,000.00 |
| Acquirement of Building..... | 10,000.00 |
| Remodeling cost of Building..... | 29,494.73 |
| Planting of Shrubbery..... | 299.05 |
| Purchase of Portrait of Donor..... | 1,053.35 |
| Purchase of Books..... | 27,777.62 |
| Purchase of Furniture and Equipment..... | 9,217.58 |
| Deposit in Petty Cash..... | 25.00 |
| Expenses of Library..... | 27,515.50 |
| Balance Represented by Available Cash balance at June 30, 1927..... | 16,278.35 |
| Total | \$211,661.18 |

GIFTS

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| Captain W. C. Tyrrell, Building..... | \$ 70,000.00 |
| Col. W. S. Davidson, Children's Books.... | 5,000.00 |
| Mrs. J. W. Garth, Furniture..... | 6,009.70 |
| Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell, Books..... | 5,000.00 |
| New Psychology Club, Books..... | 19.50 |
| Total | \$ 86,029.20 |

AUDIT

The above financial statement is from the audit made by Mr. O. H. Maschek in August, 1927. This audit is most comprehensive. A copy is on file at the library.

LIBRARY BUILDING

The library building, the gift of Captain W. C. Tyrrell, was remodeled in January-July, 1926. In remodeling, no exterior or main walls were removed, as we were afraid this might weaken the structure. With very few changes, the building was adapted to library use and equipped with standard library furniture. It was our desire to have a building that would be both distinctive and dignified. The building was formally opened to the public the evening of September 16, 1926 with an appropriate program. Over 800 people attended this opening. Readers were registered September 17th and 18th; the first book was circulated September 20th.

RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER, 1926— JUNE 30, 1927

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| Circulation of books..... | 131,200 |
| Circulation of adult books..... | 86,088 |
| Circulation of juvenile books.... | 45,112 |
| South Park Elementary School | |
| March, May, and April, 1927 | |
| 420 books | |
| New books added to library..... | 15,318 |
| Books withdrawn | 34 |
| Volumes in Library June 30, 1927 | 15,284 |
| Adult | 10,714 |
| Juvenile | 4,570 |
| Borrower cards issued..... | 8,066 |
| Adult | 5,385 |
| Juvenile | 2,681 |

LIBRARY GROWTH

We have been amazed and grateful at the use of the library by the citizens of Beaumont, and at their appreciation of the book collection and building. Not only is the circulation of volumes large, but the quality of reading is excellent.

REFERENCE WORK

909 volumes are in the reference collection. These books are only for use in the building. As the library grows more—reference work is being done. Approximately 1,225 reference questions were asked in the nine months the library has functioned. These questions covered many subjects and were from various types of citizens.

MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS

The library subscribes to 62 magazines and 10 newspapers. 20 magazines and one newspaper are received as gifts. In time the more valuable magazines will be bound. Popular magazines are bound and circulated as books as soon as they are released by the arrival of the new number. The Beaumont Enterprise is on file at the library.

SCHOOLS

34 school visits were made. 19 school classes with a total attendance of 468 children visited the library for instruction in the use of a library and to view special exhibits on display. School lists were also checked for purchase of duplicate copies.

EXHIBITS

12 exhibits were displayed at the library from September 20, 1926 to June 30, 1927. These exhibits attracted many visitors. The De Medici prints was the most popular exhibit.

LECTURES

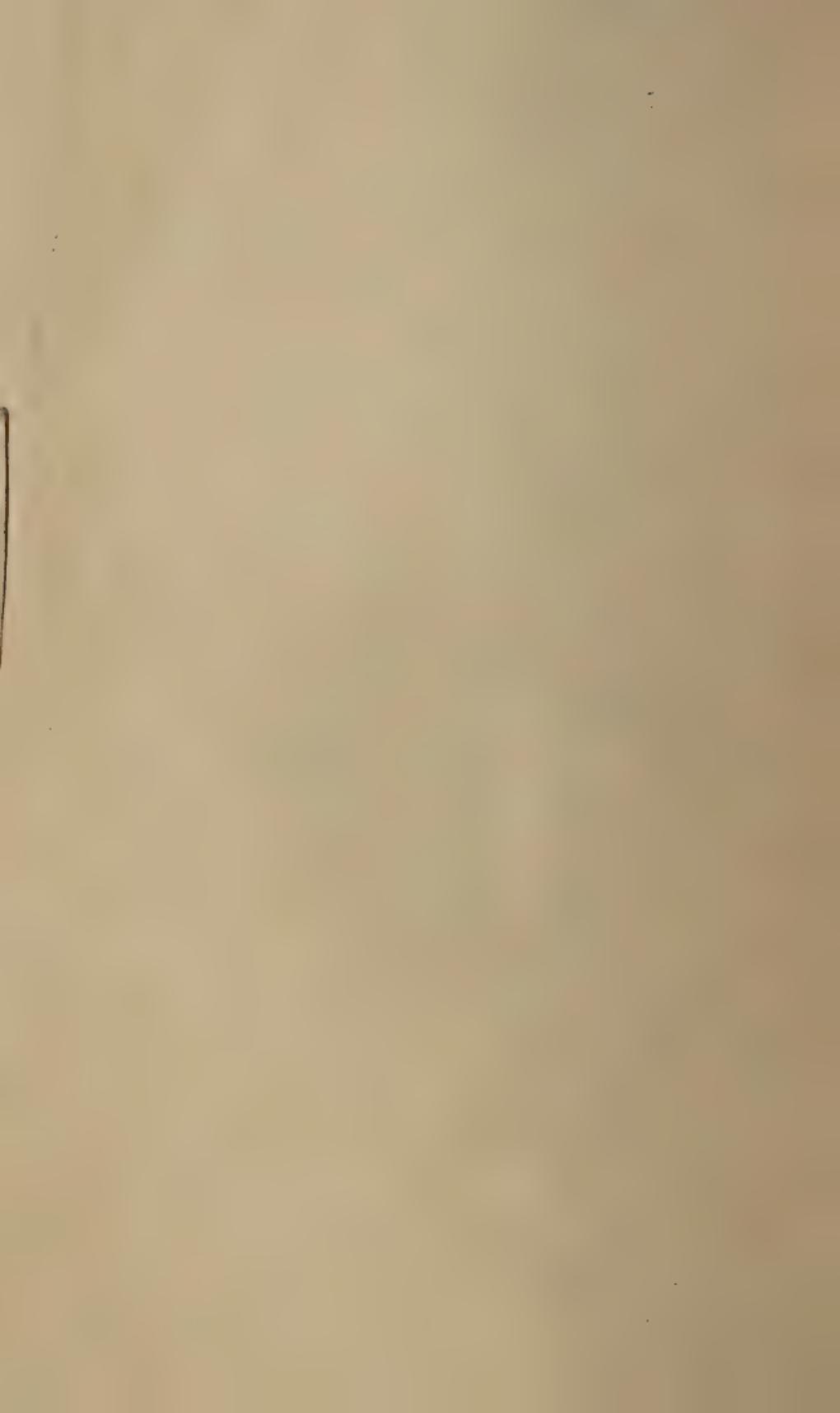
Three lectures were given under the auspices of the library. The most popular lecture was "The Technique of Story Telling" by Miss Mary Gould Davis, Supervisor of Story Telling of the New York Public Library. These lectures were financed with the cooperation of the Woman's Club, Parent and Teacher Associations, and private citizens.

STORY HOURS

13 story hours were given by the library. Out of town story tellers were Miss Mary Gould Davis, Mrs. Ruth Sawyer Durand, and Mr. Charles Finger.

CLUBS

39 club meetings were attended by the Librarian and Assistants. The Beaumont Chapter of the Delphian Club met on alternate Wednesdays in the Children's room. The Rose School also held its annual meeting at the Library.



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FINANCIAL

RESULT OF OPERATION

FUNDS PROVIDED

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| Taxes Collected | \$40,568.72 |
| Interest Received | 554.08 |
| Gifts | 852.27 |
| Fines and Fees..... | 2,093.96 |
| Proceeds from sale of Liberty Bonds..... | 4,000.00 |
| Total | \$48,069.03 |

FUNDS APPLIED

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| Books | \$12,500.40 |
| Furniture and Equipment..... | 912.41 |
| Shrubbery | 13.76 |
| Decrease in Accounts Payable during year | 2,366.82 |
| Payment of Expenses for Current Year as shown in Statement of Opera- tions, less amount Depreciation.... | 25,799.39 |
| Balance reflected in increase of avail- able cash | 6,476.25 |
| Total | \$48,069.03 |

Statement of Operations Expense:

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| Cost of Reading Matter..... | \$ 1,025.55 |
| Service Costs | |
| Salaries—Librarian and Assistants | 16,853.06 |
| Library Supplies | 855.42 |
| Catalog Cards | 317.56 |
| Catalogs | 48.15 |
| Postage | 251.00 |
| Telephone | 144.18 |
| Light, Heat and Water..... | 1,646.40 |
| Rebinding of Books..... | 1,133.12 |
| Miscellaneous Expense | 675.83 |
| Publicity | 214.49 |
| Repairs to Building and Equipment | 671.46 |
| Janitor and Yard Expense..... | 1,329.41 |

STATEMENT

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| Depreciation of Building, Furniture and Equipment..... | 1,711.64 |
| Other Expenses | |
| Insurance | 435.22 |
| Traveling Expenses | 198.54 |
| Total | \$27,511.03 |

GIFTS

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| Colonel George Moffett Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.. | \$ 7.00 |
| 467 books, valuation..... | 845.27 |
| Total | \$852.27 |

STATISTICS

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| Circulation of books..... | 189,722 |
| Circulation of adult books..... | 132,627 |
| Circulation of juvenile books..... | 57,095 |
| Circulations of books from school stations, included in juvenile count..... | 3,981 |
| New books added to collection.... | 6,779 |
| Books withdrawn | 437 |
| Volumes in Library June 30, 1928 | 21,626 |
| Adult | 15,207 |
| Juvenile | 6,419 |
| Borrowers cards issued..... | 3,648 |
| Adult | 2,631 |
| Juvenile | 1,146 |
| Transfers | 129 |
| Registered Borrowers, June 30, 1928..... | 11,714 |

AUDIT

The above financial statement is from the audit made by Phelps, Maschek and Richardson in August 1928. A copy of this comprehensive audit is on file at the library.

LIBRARY GROWTH

The figures submitted show an increase in circulation of 58,522 volumes and of 3,648 new borrowers' cards issued, as compared with the statistics of September 20, 1926-June 30, 1927. While eager to take the service of the Library to every section of the City. We cannot afford to overlook the need of more intensive work and the enrichment of the quality of work, particularly in literary, technical and industrial fields.

REFERENCE WORK

1,214 volumes are in the reference collection. These books are only for use in the building. With the growth of the library more reference work has been done. Approximately 2,890 reference questions were answered. 2,524 readers used the Library on Sunday afternoons.

MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS

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SCHOOLS

52 school visits were made. 42 school classes with a total attendance of 1,224 children visited the Library for instruction in the use of a library and to view special exhibits on display. Four library stations were opened in schools. The total number of books circulated from these stations was 3,981. We plan to open more school stations and to enlarge their book collections when library facilities will permit.

EXHIBITS

11 exhibits were displayed at the library. These exhibits attracted many visitors. One of our most popular exhibits was of facsimile etchings from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

STORY HOURS

25 story hours were given by the Library. 568 children enjoyed these stories. Miss Frances Fox of the Houston Recreation Department presented two delightful puppet plays to an interested group of children. Miss Emma Lee, Children's Librarian of the Rosenberg Library, Galveston, Texas, was our visiting story teller on May 11.

CLUBS

22 club meetings were attended by the Librarian and assistants. 12 club meetings were held in the Library.

COOPERATION

The Texas Library Association met in Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange November 16-19. Beaumont entertained visiting librarians November 16 and 18. Four sessions of the convention were held in the Library. The Librarian and Cataloguer attended the meeting of the American Library Association at West Baden, Ind. in May. The Librarian addressed the South East Division of the Texas State Teachers' Association in Galveston on April 20.

